Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 20 Nov 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 21 Nov 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 19 Nov 2021 at 10:47 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for transition to colder, brighter weather during Saturday, continuing on Sunday with snow showers in north of area. Also high confidence for mainly dry, cloudier, less cold weather on Monday and Tuesday.

Headline for Saturday 20 Nov 2021: Dull, wet start, becoming drier, brighter later in morning. Sunshine and showers in afternoon turning increasingly wintry. Feeling bitterly cold on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 20 Nov 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Light rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Sunny intervals	Sleet showers	Light snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
20%	30%	60%	70%	20%	40%	40%	40%

Forecast for Saturday 20 Nov 2021

Weather: Rain becoming more persistent and heavier during the night and at first on Saturday. Rain turning to snow above 900m before clearing southwards later in morning. Then a much brighter afternoon with sunshine and showers following to north of area. Showers turning to snow above about 700m and becoming more frequent, heavier in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Little chance for much of morning, improving 60% in afternoon, best in south of area.

Visibility: Poor for a time in the morning with rain and clouds well down the hills. Visibility improving good from the north later in the morning with clouds lifting and breaking up. There will be marked deteriorations to very poor visibility during afternoon and evening as wintry showers pass by and clouds lowering to 700m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	42/57 SW	42/56 SW	39/53 SW	27/38 W	29/40 W	30/41 W	28/40 NW	27/38 NW	26/37 NW
900	40/51 SW	38/49 SW	35/46 SW	23/31 W	24/33 W	25/34 W	22/31 W	21/30 NW	21/31 N
600	28/39 SW	27/37 SW	25/35 SW	14/22 W	17/26 W	18/27 W	15/24 W	14/24 W	15/25 N
300	15/33 SW	16/33 SW	13/28 SW	6/13 W	11/23 W	13/27 W	9/22 W	8/20 W	11/23 NW
Glen	6/26 SW	5/24 SW	5/23 SW	4/17 W	6/23 W	6/24 W	6/24 W	5/21 NW	6/21 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	2/-6	1/-7	2/-6	1/-6	-1/-9	-3/-11	-4/-12	-4/-13	-4/-13
900	5/-2	4/-3	4/-2	4/-2	2/-4	0/-7	-1/-8	-1/-8	-1/-8
600	7/2	6/1	6/1	6/2	5/0	3/-3	2/-3	1/-4	1/-5
300	9/6	9/6	8/5	7/6	7/4	5/1	4/0	3/0	3/-1
Glen	10/8	10/7	9/7	8/7	8/5	6/3	4/1	4/0	3/-1
Freezing Level*	2100m	2000m	2000m	1400m	1000m	900m	800m	700m	700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Difficult walking conditions with strong winds and temperatures falling close to or even below freezing. Conditions exacerbated by the wet weather in the morning followed by wintry showers.

Forecast for Sunday 21 Nov 2021

Weather: A much drier and brighter but cold day across the North Grampian area. Still some showers at first, falling as snow down to 400m, mainly northern aspects of the Cairngorms, gradually dying out, otherwise dry with sunny spells.

Maximum wind: Northerly winds with average speeds of 25 to 30mph and gusts 40mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% in north of area, 90% in south.

Visibility: Air will have great clarity resulting in excellent visibility with patchy cloud cover about 700m. There will be brief interruptions to very poor visibility as snow showers pass by, with cloud bases lowering to 600m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 Celsius rising briefly to 7 Celsius before falling again towards dusk.
At 800m: Minus 3 Celsius rising to Plus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: 500m lifting to 900m in the afternoon.

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